

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

[Docket No. RM95-4-000]

**Electronic Filing and Public Access to
Information; Notice of Availability of
Submission Software for FERC Form
Nos. 2 and 2-A: Annual Report of
Major Natural Gas Companies and
Annual Report of Non-Major Natural
Gas Companies**

December 20, 2001.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that it is providing software to the major and non-major natural gas pipelines to prepare both the paper and electronic submissions of the FERC Form No. 2 and Form No. 2-A (Form 2 and 2-A). The software is free of charge and all jurisdictional Form 2 and 2-A respondents are *required* to use it starting with the 2001 submissions due on or before March 31, 2002, for the Form No. 2-A and April 30, 2002, for the Form No. 2. The Commission has not modified the forms and the data required on the current schedules have not changed.

The Form 2 and 2-A submission software is Windows 95/98/2000/NT/XP compatible and will provide benefits to the respondent, the Commission and users of the data. The software will facilitate data entry and database loading, improve data integrity, enhance consistency between the paper and electronic filings, and eliminate the requirement to physically submit the electronic file to the Commission on a diskette or CD. Last year a beta version of the software was used successfully by 47 of 110 Form 2 and 2-A respondents to prepare their year 2000 paper submission and to upload the electronic submission to the Commission via the Internet.

Software distribution, set-up, updates, and submission of the electronic filing will all be accomplished via the Internet. In order to disseminate information on the submission software and to keep interested parties aware of any new developments, we are creating a point-of-contact list for companies that file Form 2 and 2-A. Persons who submit FERC Form 2 and 2-A, either for their company, or as an agent for another company, must first register to receive a Personal Identification Number (PIN). The PIN is required for electronic filing.

To register for a PIN, send an E-mail to Bolton Pierce (bpierce@ferc.fed.us) containing the exact legal name of the respondent company, the respondent's

address, a contact person's name, phone number and E-mail address. A PIN will be assigned and sent by return E-mail. Instructions for downloading and installing the Form 2 and 2A Submission Software are available at <http://rimsweb2.ferc.fed.us/form2/>. Federal and state agencies and others who wish to access and use the Form 2/2A data may download it without restriction from this same web address.

Respondents who submitted their year 2000 filing with the new software need only send in any changes to their point-of-contact information. If you have questions about the new software, please E-mail them to Bolton Pierce at bpierce@ferc.fed.us. Respondents with questions concerning the Form Nos. 2 and 2-A may contact James M. Krug at (202) 208-0419 or Craig A. Hill at (202) 208-0621.

The issuance of this software does not change the paper submission requirements for the forms this year. In addition to using the software to upload the electronic submission to the Commission via the Internet, Form 2-A respondents must also submit an original and two conformed paper copies of a completed form by March 31. Form 2 respondents must submit an original and four paper copies of the completed form by April 30. The original paper version is to be produced by the software.

The Commission has also developed, and made available via the Internet, Form 2 and 2-A "viewer" software to allow the public and other interested parties to download, view and print the Form 2 and 2-A data submitted electronically by the respondents for the years 1996 and later. This software was made available on December 19, 2001.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY**

[FRL-7122-7]

**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request; Final Authorization
for Hazardous Waste Management**AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Action (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that EPA is planning to submit the following

continuing Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Final Authorization for Hazardous Waste Management, EPA ICR Number 0969.06, OMB Control Number 2050-0041 (expiration date May 31, 2002.) EPA will use the information collected under this ICR to determine whether a State Hazardous Waste program meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for authorization. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for Review and approval, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 26, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY
CALL:** Tony Terrell at EPA, (703) 308-6496, and refer to EPA ICR No. 969.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-2001-SA3P-FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA H), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA address below. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Internet to: rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by docket number F-2001-SA3P-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. The official record for this action will be kept in paper form and place them in the official record, which also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained in the RCRA Information Center (the RIC address is listed above this section). Commenters should not submit any confidential business information (CBI) electronically. An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5303W), United States Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Mailcode 5303W, Washington, DC, 20460. Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday,